

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending and under consideration.

In the Office Action of July 26, 2004, claims 1-28 were rejected. Claims 15-28 were rejected as anticipated by *Kelley et al.* (USP 6080501). Claims 1-14 were rejected as obvious in view of *Kelly et al.* and *Bass et al.* (USP 6001500).

In response, each of independent claims 1, 12, 13, 15, 26 and 27 has been amended to recite that the respective power generator, system or device includes a housing containing the fuel electrode, the oxygen electrode, the ion exchange membrane, and the fuel source. Accordingly, each in each independent claim, it is clear that the fuel is supplied internally to the housing in the recited, power generator, system or device.


In contrast, in the cited references, the fuel source is external to the comparative housing of the device or system, and thus the device or system is not self contained and cannot act like a closed battery in, for example, and electronic device. It is submitted that, the cited references do not teach or fairly suggest the recited self contained structure.

It is submitted that the independent claims, and, a fortiori, the dependent claims, are not anticipated by or obvious in view of the cited references, taken in any combination. Accordingly, all of the claims are patentable.

Claims 4, 5 and 19 have been amended to use adjectives instead of nouns for describing the shapes of the electrodes. No new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 1-28 are patentable and that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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